

The "same date, differing type"(transition year), method for collecting and showing U.S. type coins

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A type set is generally defined as a collection that contains one, and only one, of each design for a series or complete coinage series. For example, a complete type set of 3 cent silver will be only 3 pieces while a complete type set of U.S. circulating coins would contain one of each design type from half cents through bullion platinum and from 1792 to the present. Major design types are usually supplemented with variations such as coins with and without arrows, rays, drapery or mottoes. A collector can decide which varieties to include as a matter of personal preference. Many collectors further fine tune their set by including only certain date or mint mark variations. Some of the most common are:

- a) Collecting the first date of a type series if there are multiple dates, for example 1932 for a silver washington quarter and 1965 for a clad washington quarter. Of interest to serious collectors but not an eye catcher for a novice or non collector. There is historical significance for serious collectors.
- b) Collecting the last date of a type series if there are multiple dates, for example 1916 for a Barber quarter and 1930 for a standing liberty quarter. Comments as in a) above.
- c) Collecting only dates from a certain mint, D,O CC etc. This option will not be available for every type series and again does not give a novice or non collector any additional stimulation to collect. Obvious historical significance for serious collectors.
- d) Collecting the rarest date in a type series. An alternative for well to do collectors only. An example would be a 1916-D to illustrate the mercury dime or a 1877 to illustrate an indian cent! This is a good option to interest novices and non collectors, as they will be intrigued by the value of rare items. Not of great historical interest.
- e) Collecting important dates in a person's life, birthdays, anniversaries etc (limited to 20th or 21st century for most!). Of historical interest only to the collector, not other collectors or the general public.

Another method in which both much historical information, and an illustration of the magnitude of the design modifications can be combined in a pleasing fashion to numismatic novices is to show, side by side, cases where both the old and new type were issued in one date year. In these transition years both the old and new type were manufactured for general circulation. Many historical and numismatic facts can be illustrated in showing same date coins from these transition years together. For example, a 1916 Barber quarter, paired with a 1916 standing liberty quarter, with mintage figures shown below the coins, illustrates the new, very radical design of the Standing quarter, contrasted with the staid Barber series. The mintages suggest to us the reality that the low mintage standing quarter was issued late in the calendar year. Examples of the dual type or "twin" types abound in the U.S. series. Even some "triplets" (3 types in one year) exist. Of course, "quintets" exist for the entire state quarter series. A good name for this variation of type collecting is hard to come by. "Same date" type collecting or "transition year" type collecting are possibilities.

I have identified three major and one minor categories for displaying twin or higher same

date type coin displays.

CATEGORY A , SAME DENOMINATION, TWO OR MORE MAJOR DESIGN TYPES, SAME YEAR,

In this category, the same "denomination", such as a large cent or three cent silver is shown in two types with the same issue date. A 1938-D buffalo nickel paired with a 1938 Jefferson nickel is a category A. They could be categorized as "twins" (non identical obviously) or a "transition year pair".

CATEGORY B, SAME DENOMINATION, SAME DESIGN TYPE, SAME YEAR, DIFFERENT ALLOY

In this category, the same type, such as a indian cent with shield reverse, was issued with differing alloys in the same year, in this case 1864, where both copper nickel and bronze versions were issued. Sometimes an interesting story accompanies this change, such as in 1982 when a perceived impending copper price explosion prompted the government to change alloys "mid stream" during the calendar year.

SUB CATEGORY AB, SAME DENOMINATION, DIFFERENT DESIGN TYPE, SAME YEAR, DIFFERENT ALLOY

These are category A where the alloy was also changed in the transition year. With the exception of the state quarter series, the alloy changes were minor. As examples one set is a 1937 capped bust half dime in 0.8924 silver paired with a 1837 liberty seated no stars half dime in 0.900 silver, while another is a 1834 capped half eagle in 0.9167 gold paired with a 1834 classic head half eagle in 0.8992 gold. These small alloy changes are not visible to the eye, so they will not interest non collectors. However the reasons behind the change can be of interest to collectors and historians. The 1834 alloy changes were to lower the gold content so as to prevent melting. The "old tenor" capped head gold pieces had gold content greater than face value.

CATEGORY C , DIFFERENT DENOMINATION, SAME FACE VALUE, SAME YEAR

This category is admittedly stretching the concept a bit. A collector can illustrate, side by side, totally differing denominations with the same face value, such as a Morgan Dollar, trade dollar and Gold dollar from the same year. While obviously of interest to novices and non collectors, the displays also can illustrate major financial policies and political struggles of bygone eras. What "crazy" government financial policies or politics could prompt the U.S. mint to issue three radically different "dollar" coins in the same year during periods of the nineteenth century? Many other twin or triplet displays of category C have tales to tell.

Below I have tabulated examples of these three categories that can be dug out of the standard "Red Book" of U.S. Coins by R.S. Yeoman. Sub category AB is noted in the table for category A except for the state quarters, which are more appropriate listed in category B. Obviously not all different types have same date examples, but in those instances that a pairing or higher is possible such a display is an interesting and crowd pleasing method of conveying numismatic and financial history. For those multitype denominations where no date overlap between types occurs, pairing the last date of the older type with the first date of the new type is a logical alternative. If the dates are contiguous the display is still visually appealing. For example in the half dollar type series, a 1915 Barber half (any mint) would be matched with a 1916 (any mint) liberty walking half dollar.

U.S. CIRCULATING TYPE COINS WITH MORE THAN ONE DESIGN TYPE OR ALLOY MINTED WITH THE SAME DATE

CATEGORY A , SAME DENOMINATION, TWO OR MORE MAJOR TYPES, SAME YEAR

<u>DENOMINATION</u>	<u>DATE(S)</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>MULTIPLICITY</u>	
LARGE CENT	1793	CHAIN*		
LARGE CENT	1793	WREATH		TRIPLETS
LARGE CENT	1793	LIBERTY CAP		
* IF CHAIN	"AMERI" AND	"AMERICA"	INCLUDED =	QUARTETS
LARGE CENT	1793-5	LIBERTY CAP	LETTERED EDGE	TWINS
LARGE CENT	1793-5	LIBERTY CAP	PLAIN EDGE	
LARGE CENT	1796	LIBERTY CAP		TWINS
LARGE CENT	1796	DRAPE BUST		
LARGE CENT	1835	MATRON HEAD		TWINS
LARGE CENT	1835	YOUNG HEAD		
CENT	1909	INDIAN		
CENT	1909	LINCOLN	V.D.B.	TRIPLETS
CENT	1909	LINCOLN	NO V.D.B.	
NICKEL	1867	SHIELD	RAYS	TWINS
NICKEL	1867	SHIELD	NO RAYS	
NICKEL	1883	SHIELD		
NICKEL	1883	LIBERTY	TYPE 1	TRIPLETS
NICKEL	1883	LIBERTY	TYPE 2	
NICKEL	1913	BUFFALO	TYPE 1	TWINS
NICKEL	1913	BUFFALO	TYPE 2	
NICKEL	1913	LIBERTY*		OR TRIPLETS

*UNAUTHORIZED ISSUE

NICKEL	1938-D	BUFFALO		TWINS
NICKEL	1938	JEFFERSON		
NICKEL	2004	PEACE		TWINS
NICKEL	2004	KEELBOAT		
NICKEL	2005	BISON		
NICKEL	2005	OCEAN IN	VIEW	TWINS
HALF DIME	1837	CAPPED BUST	0.8924 silver	TWINS
HALF DIME	1837	L.S. NO STARS	0.9000 silver	SUBCATEGORY AB
HALF DIME	1838-O	L.S. NO STARS		TWINS
HALF DIME	1838	STARS	NO DRAPERY	
DIME	1828	CAPPED BUST	LARGE DIAMETER	TWINS
DIME	1828	CAPPED BUST	SMALL DIAMETER	
DIME	1837	CAPPED BUST	0.8924 silver	TWINS
DIME	1837	L.S. NO STARS	0.9000 silver	SUBCATEGORY AB
DIME	1838-O	L.S. NO STARS		TWINS
DIME	1838	STARS		
DIME	1853	NO ARROWS		TWINS
DIME	1853	ARROWS		
DIME	1860-S	STARS OBV		TWINS
DIME	1860 OR O	LEGEND OBV		
DIME	1916 OR S	BARBER		TWINS
DIME	1916 PDS	MERCURY		
QUARTER	1838	CAPPED BUST	0.8924 silver	TWINS
QUARTER	1838	L.S. NO STARS	0.9000 silver	SUBCATEGORY AB

QUARTER	1853	L.S.	NO MOTTO	TWINS
QUARTER	1853,O	L.S.	ARROWS	
QUARTER	1873	WITH MOTTO		TWINS
QUARTER	1873	ARROWS		
QUARTER	1916,D	BARBER		TWINS
QUARTER	1916	LIBERTY	STANDING	
QUARTER	1917,D,S	STANDING LIBERTY	NO STARS	TWINS
QUARTER	1917,D,S	STANDING LIBERTY	STARS	
QUARTERS	1999-2008	STATE		QUINTUPLETS
HALF	1807	DRAPED BUST		TWINS
HALF	1807	CAPPED BUST		
HALF	1836	CAPPED BUST	0.8924 silver	TWINS
HALF	1836	REEDDED EDGE	0.9000 silver	SUBCATEGORY AB
HALF	1839-O	REEDDED EDGE	"HALF DOL"	TRIPLETS
HALF	1839	L.S.	NO DRAPERY	
HALF	1839	L.S.	DRAPERY	
HALF	1853-O	L.S.	NO MOTTO	TWINS
HALF	1853,O	L.S. ARROWS	AND RAYS	
HALF	1873, CC	MOTTO		TWINS
HALF	1873, CC	ARROWS		
SILVER DOLLAR	1795	FLOWING	HAIR	TWINS
SILVER DOLLAR	1795	DRAPED BUST	SMALL EAGLE	
SILVER DOLLAR	1798	SMALL EAGLE		TWINS
SILVER DOLLAR	1798	HERALDIC	EAGLE	
SILVER DOLLAR	1836	GOBRECHT	STARS REV	TWINS

SILVER DOLLAR	1836	GOBRECHT	NO STARS*	* RESTRIKE
SILVER DOLLAR	1921	MORGAN		TWINS
SILVER DOLLAR	1921	PEACE	HIGH RELIEF	
SILVER DOLLAR	1922	PEACE	HIGH RELIEF	TWINS
SILVER DOLLAR	1922	PEACE	LOW RELIEF	
GOLD DOLLAR	1854-D-S	TYPE 1		TWINS
GOLD DOLLAR	1854	TYPE 2		
GOLD DOLLAR	1856-S	TYPE 2		TWINS
GOLD DOLLAR	1856,D	TYPE 3		
QUARTER EAGLE	1796	STARS		TWINS
QUARTER EAGLE	1796	NO STARS		
QUARTER EAGLE	1834	CAPPED BUST	0.9167 GOLD	TWINS
QUARTER EAGLE	1834	CLASSIC HEAD NO MOTTO	0.900 GOLD	SUBCATEGORY AB
FOUR DOLLAR	1879,80	LIBERTY	FLOWING HAIR*	TWINS
FOUR DOLLAR	1879,80	LIBERTY	COILED HAIR*	* PATTERNS
HALF EAGLE	1795	SMALL EAGLE		TWINS
HALF EAGLE	1795	HERALDIC	EAGLE	
HALF EAGLE	1807	CAPPED BUST	TO RIGHT	TWINS
HALF EAGLE	1807	CAPPED BUST	TO LEFT	
HALF EAGLE	1829	CAPPED, HEAD	LEFT, LARGE	TWINS
HALF EAGLE	1829	CAPPED, HEAD	LEFT, SMALL	
HALF EAGLE	1834	CAPPED, HEAD LEFT, SMALL	0.9167 GOLD	TWINS
HALF EAGLE	1834	CLASSIC HEAD	0.900 GOLD	SUBCATEGORY AB
HALF EAGLE	1866-S	CORONET	NO MOTTO	TWINS
HALF EAGLE	1866,S	CORONET	MOTTO	

HALF EAGLE	1908	CORONET	MOTTO	TWINS
HALF EAGLE	1908	INDIAN HEAD		
EAGLE	1797	SMALL EAGLE		TWINS
EAGLE	1797	LARGE EAGLE		
EAGLE	1866-S	CORONET	NO MOTTO	TWINS
EAGLE	1866,S	CORONET	MOTTO	
EAGLE	1907,D,S	CORONET	MOTTO	TWINS
EAGLE	1907	INDIAN HEAD	NO MOTTO*	
* IF NO * IF NO	PERIODS	VARIETY	INCLUDED =	TRIPLETS
EAGLE	1908,D	INDIAN HEAD	NO MOTTO	TWINS
EAGLE	1908,D,S	INDIAN HEAD	WITH MOTTO	
DOUBLE EAGLE	1861,O,S	CORONET	NORMAL REVERSE	TWINS
DOUBLE EAGLE	1861,S	CORONET	PACQUET REVERSE	
DOUBLE EAGLE	1866-S	CORONET	NO MOTTO	TWINS
DOUBLE EAGLE	1866,S	CORONET	MOTTO	
DOUBLE EAGLE	1907,D,S	CORONET	MOTTO	
DOUBLE EAGLE	1907	ST GAUDENS	R.N. HIGH RELIEF	TRIPLETS
DOUBLE EAGLE	1907	ST GAUDENS	ARABIC, LOW RELIEF	
DOUBLE EAGLE	1908,D	ST GAUDENS	NO MOTTO	TWINS
DOUBLE EAGLE	1908,D	ST GAUDENS	MOTTO	

CATEGORY B, SAME DENOMINATION, SAME DESIGN TYPE, SAME YEAR,
DIFFERENT ALLOY

CENT	1864	INDIAN	BRONZE	TWINS
CENT	1864	INDIAN	COPPER NICKEL	

CENT	1943-PDS	LINCOLN	STEEL	TWINS
CENT	1943-PDS	LINCOLN	COPPER*	
			* PLANCHET ERROR	
CENT	1974-PDS	LINCOLN	COPPER	TWINS
CENT	1974	LINCOLN	ALUMINUM *	
			* = PATTERN	
CENT	1982-PDS	LINCOLN	COPPER	TWINS
CENT	1982-PDS	LINCOLN	COPPER PLATED ZINC	
NICKEL	1942	JEFFERSON	NICKEL	TWINS
NICKEL	1942	JEFFERSON	SILVER	
HALF DISME	1792	LIBERTY	SILVER*	TWINS
HALF DISME	1792	LIBERTY	COPPER*	
			* = PATTERNS	
DISME	1792	LIBERTY	SILVER*	TWINS
DISME	1792	LIBERTY	COPPER*	
			* = PATTERNS	
DIME	1992-DATE	ROOSEVELT	CLAD	TWINS
DIME	1992-DATE	ROOSEVELT	90% SILVER	
QUARTER	1792	LIBERTY	WHITE METAL*	TWINS
QUARTER	1792	LIBERTY	COPPER*	
			* = PATTERNS	
QUARTER	1776-1976,D	IKE	COPPER NICKEL	TWINS
QUARTER	1776-1976,D	IKE	SILVER CLAD	
QUARTER	1992-8-S	WASHINGTON	CLAD	TWINS
QUARTER	1992-8-S	WASHINGTON	90% SILVER	

QUARTERS	1999-2008	STATE	CLAD	TWINS
QUARTERS	1999-2008	STATE	90% SILVER	ALSO CATEGORY AB
HALF	1776-1976	KENNEDY	CLAD	TWINS
HALF	1776-1976	KENNEDY	SILVER CLAD	
HALF	1992-DATE	KENNEDY	CLAD	TWINS
HALF	1992-DATE	KENNEDY	90% SILVER	
DOLLAR	1971-4-S	IKE	CLAD	TWINS
DOLLAR	1971-4-S	IKE	SILVER CLAD	
DOLLAR	1776-1976-D-S	IKE	CLAD	TWINS
DOLLAR	1776-1976-D-S	IKE	SILVER CLAD	
DOLLAR	2000	SACAGAWEA	MANGANESE	TWINS
DOLLAR	2000	SACAGAWEA	GOLD*	

* = PATTERN

CATEGORY C , DIFFERENT DENOMINATION, SAME FACE VALUE, SAME YEAR

SILVER CENTER CENT	1792	LIBERTY*		TWINS
BIRCH CENT	1792	LIBERTY*	* = PATTERNS	
LARGE CENT	1856-7	CORONET		TWINS
SMALL CENT	1856-7	FLYING EAGLE		
3 CENT SILVER	1865-73	TYPE 3		TWINS
3-CENT NICKEL	1865-73	LIBERTY		
HALF DIME	1866	L.S.	LEGEND OBV	TWINS
NICKEL	1866	SHIELD	RAYS	
HALF DIME	1867	L.S.	LEGEND OBV	
NICKEL	1867	SHIELD	RAYS	TRIPLETS
NICKEL	1867	SHIELD	NO RAYS	
HALF DIME	1868-73	L.S.	LEGEND OBV	TWINS
NICKEL	1868-73	SHIELD	NO RAYS	

SILVER DOLLAR	1849-1854	L.S.	NO MOTTO	TWINS
GOLD DOLLAR	1849-1854-S	TYPE 1		
SILVER DOLLAR	1873,CC,S	L.S.	MOTTO	
TRADE DOLLAR	1873,CC,S	LIBERTY		TRIPLETS
GOLD DOLLAR	1873	TYPE 3		
SILVER DOLLAR	1878-1885	MORGAN		
TRADE DOLLAR	1878-1885	LIBERTY		TRIPLETS
GOLD DOLLAR	1878-1885	TYPE 3		
SILVER DOLLAR	1878-1889	MORGAN		TWINS
GOLD DOLLAR	1878-1889	TYPE 3		
S.B.A. DOLLAR	1999	CLAD		TWINS
AMERICAN EAGLE BULLION DOLLAR	1999	SILVER		
SACAGAWEA DOLLAR	2000-PRESENT	CLAD		TWINS
AMERICAN EAGLE BULLION DOLLAR	2000-PRESENT	SILVER		
\$10.00 BULLION	1997-PRESENT	GOLD	QUARTER OZ	TWINS
\$10.00 BULLION	1997-PRESENT	PLATINUM	TENTH OZ	
\$25.00 BULLION	1997-PRESENT	GOLD	HALF OZ	TWINS
\$25.00 BULLION	1997-PRESENT	PLATINUM	QUARTER OZ	
\$50.00 BULLION	1997-PRESENT	GOLD	ONE OZ	TWINS
\$50.00 BULLION	1997-PRESENT	PLATINUM	HALF OZ	

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